

Taka Hiraishi

Profile:

- Born in Tokyo on 3rd December 1944.
- B.Sc. (1966) and M.Sc. for Industrial Chemistry (1968) from Tokyo University.
- Joined Ministry of Labour (Occupational Health and Safety Department) in April 1968.
- Moved to the newly-established Environment Agency in 1971, and worked in the fields of offensive odour, acid rain, ozone layer, hazardous wastes, hazardous chemicals and water pollution, till 1996, except the overseas posting shown below:
- Environment Attache (liaison with UNEP) and Second Secretary for technical co-operation at the Embassy of Japan in Kenya (1975 – 78).
- Principal Administrator (information exchange on chemicals control), Chemicals Division, Environment Directorate, OECD Secretariat (1980 –82).
- Director, Water Pollution Control Division, Environment Agency (1987-89)
- Worked for UNEP in 1989 - 98 as (consecutively);
 - Co-ordinator of Support Measures, Programme Bureau,
 - Officer-in-Charge, Environmental Law and Institutions Centre,
 - Deputy Director of Policy Division,
 - Deputy Director of Environment Programme Division,
 - Assistant Executive Director for Environmental Information and Assessment.
 - (President,. UNEP Staff Association (in 1996))

Currently,

- Special Advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Japan. (on OECD sustainable development activities, Part-time)
- Member, Operations Committee, Center for Global Environmental Research, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (Part-time),
- **Senior Consultant, and Member, Board of Directors, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan** (Part-time),
- **Member, IPCC Bureau**
- **Co-chair, IPCC Inventories Task Force Bureau**
- Specially assigned Professor (Risk Management and Global Environmental Issues), Osaka University, Japan (Part-time)
- Lecturer, Sophia University, Japan (Part-time)
- Lecturer, Gakushuin University, Japan (Part-time)
- Involved in the work of the Ministry of the Environment in Japan for CDM, adaptation and “co-benefits”

- Former Member, UNFCCC EGTT (as a Japanese expert) and CGE.(in the capacity as IPCC Inventory Co-chair) [CGE is temporarily suspended due to absence of agreement at UNFCCC.]